

Adopted

Rejected

COMMITTEE REPORT

YES: 11

NO: 0

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1325, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Page 3, delete lines 6 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 **"(f) Not later than September 1, 2005, the committee shall**
- 3 **submit recommendations to the secretary of the office of the**
- 4 **secretary of family and social services and the governor concerning**
- 5 **the redesign of the Indiana prescription drug program established**
- 6 **by IC 12-10-16-3 to coordinate the program with the federal**
- 7 **Medicare prescription drug benefit program. The**
- 8 **recommendations must include the following:**
- 9 **(1) Methods, including automatic enrollment, that the state**
- 10 **should use to ensure that current Indiana prescription drug**
- 11 **program enrollees are enrolled in the federal Medicare**
- 12 **prescription drug benefit program.**
- 13 **(2) Changes to the financial eligibility level requirements for**
- 14 **the Indiana prescription drug program, including eligibility**
- 15 **requirements that include individuals whose income does not**

1 exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty
2 level (as defined by IC 12-15-2-1).

3 (3) Methods to assist current enrollees in the Indiana
4 prescription drug program in completing applications and to
5 determine eligibility in the Medicare drug beneficiary subsidy
6 program.

7 (4) Changes to benefits offered under the Indiana prescription
8 drug program, including the following:

9 (A) Coverage for federal Medicare prescription drug
10 benefit:

11 (i) deductibles; or

12 (ii) premiums.

13 (B) Coverage for prescription drug costs that are not
14 covered by the federal Medicare prescription drug benefit
15 or the federal Medicare prescription drug plans.

16 (5) Methods to maximize use of federal funding available to
17 Indiana under the federal Medicare Modernization Act to
18 maximize enrollment in:

19 (A) the federal Medicare prescription drug benefit
20 program; and

21 (B) the Indiana prescription drug program.

22 The committee shall make recommendations in a manner that
23 would expend but not exceed the Indiana prescription drug
24 program's budget.

25 (g) The office of the secretary of family and social services may:

26 (1) implement the recommendations made by the committee
27 under subsection (f);

28 (2) act as the authorized representative and signatory to
29 complete:

30 (A) any federal low income Medicare drug beneficiary
31 subsidy application; and

32 (B) any federal Medicare prescription drug benefit
33 application; and

34 (3) enroll eligible individuals for the Indiana prescription drug
35 program and the federal Medicare prescription drug

- 1 **benefit program."**
- 2 Page 4, line 1, strike "not".
(Reference is to HB 1325 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Becker